

CHAPTER 126.

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AN ACT to define the meaning of the term "fire department."

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The term, "fire department," as used in section one, chapter 65 of the revised statutes, 1858, shall be construed to mean a fire department consisting of at least one fire company, consisting of not less than thirty members, and one hook and ladder company, consisting of not less than fifteen members, which shall be organized as provided for in chapter 176 of the general laws of 1861, entitled an act to incorporate fire companies, and shall have at least one good fire engine, with not less than five hundred feet of sound rubber or leather hose, which shall be kept in an engine house, and to be fit and ready at all times for actual service, and any fire department so equipped and organized as hereinbefore described, and meeting at least once a month, and none other, shall be entitled to the benefits granted by section one, chapter 65 of the revised statutes, 1858; *provided, however,* that nothing in this act shall be construed as relating to the fire departments of the cities of Milwaukee, Fond du Lac, La Crosse, Janesville, Madison and Oshkosh.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 17, 1870.